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SUBJECT: FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR MEETING WITH
KING

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1. SADAT'S PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SPEECH INCREASES DESIRABILITY
OF EARLY, FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE KING. WE HOPE YOU
CAN ARRANGE FOR MEETING WITH HIM IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. FOL-
LOWING COMMENTS WHICH WE ARE ASKING YOU TO MAKE RELATIVE TO
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SADAT PROPOSAL FOR GENEVA "PREPARATORY CONFERENCE" IN CAIRO
WOULD BE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THOSE IN REFTEL. IF YOU HAVE
ALREADY MADE POINTS IN REFTEL, YOU SHOULD SEEK NEW APPOINT-
MENT TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING.

2. YOU MAY INFORM KING THAT, WHILE SADAT INFORMED US
SHORTLY IN ADVANCE OF HIS DECISION TO ANNOUNCE IN HIS

PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SPEECH CALL FOR PREPARATORY CONFERENCE,
IT WAS ENTIRELY HIS OWN IDEA, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE HE
SOUGHT PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH ANY OF THE GENEVA PARTICIPANTS.
WE BELIEVE PRINCIPAL IMPETUS BEHIND SADAT'S MOVE IS HIS
DETERMINATION THAT THERE BE EFFECTIVE AND EXPEDITIOUS
FOLLOW-ON SO THAT MOMENTUM IMPARTED TO PEACE PROCESS BY
HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL NOT BE LOST AND TO KEEP FOCUS ON NEED

FOR COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT AMONG ALL PARTIES AT GENEVA.
OUR OWN POSITION ON SADAT PROPOSAL WILL BE THAT WE BELIEVE
A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE INVOLVING THE CO-CHAIRMEN AND THE
OTHER PARTIES TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE COULD BE HELPFUL
AND ARE CONSULTING WITH THE OTHER PARTIES. WE WILL BE
CONVEYING THIS POSITION TO SADAT AS WELL AS TO OTHER
INTERESTED ARAB GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING SYRIANS, AND TO
SOVIETS. WE WILL ALSO BE RESPONDING ALONG THESE LINES TO
PRESS QUERIES.

3. AT SAME TIME WE NOTE SYRIANS HAVE ALREADY PUBLICLY RE-
FUSED INVITATION, AND OBVIOUSLY SADAT'S PROPOSAL FOR CAIRO
CONFERENCE HAS POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DEEPENING RIFT THAT
HAS OPENED IN ARAB RANKS. WE WOULD WELCOME HAVING
HUSSEIN'S APPRAISAL OF SADAT'S STEP, AND OF HEARING WHAT
POSITION JORDANIANS PLAN TO TAKE ON IT. OUR OWN OBJECTIVE
IS FOR MOMENTUM TO BE MAINTAINED AND AT SAME TIME TO SEE
DIFFERENCES AMONG ARAB PARTIES TO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS--

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INCLUDING PALESTINIANS--LESSENED. WE DO NOT WANT, HOW-
EVER, TO SACRIFICE NEW OPENINGS FOR PEACE SADAT HAS
CREATED WHICH COULD TURN OUT TO BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL THE
PARTIES. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT SADAT IS FULLY COMMITTED
TO PRESSING FORWARD NO MATTER WHAT.

4. IN WAKE OF SADAT'S NEW MOVE, WE ARE THEREFORE ALL THE
MORE INTERESTED, AS STATED REFTTEL, IN HUSSEIN'S VIEWS OF
PRESENT SITUATION, AND WHAT HE BELIEVES NEXT STEPS SHOULD
BE. VANCE

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